THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from the City Managers' Office. Can you believe already March? Spring is right around the corner, and the official first day of the new season is March 20th. The days are getting longer, and the colder days are becoming fewer, and what a freeing feeling. I want to thank the Washtenaw County Shelter Association for all their efforts with our warming centers within our city, that being everyone involved. We're fortunate for all the steps provided to our community, especially those lacking food or shelter in these colder months.

March is designated as Women's History Month to celebrate the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. Here in Ypsilanti, we have leaders who are incredible women who contribute to our community. The month provides an opportunity for individuals, communities, and organizations to pay homage to the women who have made a significant impact in their respective fields and to inspire future generations of women to strive for greatness.

City Council has completed its goals for 2023. Along with the goal sessions, now we're in the process of finalizing the 2023/24 Fiscal Year budget, with entails meeting with each Department Head. The method of goals and budgeting is vital for our community, which we all care about tremendously. Our Credit Rating for our General Obligation Long Term Debt is now rated A1. This is a step higher than our previous rating of A2. To view this rating from Moody's investor survey, please visit the public notice.

The partnership with UMS and the Ypsilanti Freighthouse has announced their line-up for the Pilot Program week of April 22nd-29th. Tickets and registration will be available on Tuesday, March 14, for Ypsilanti residents and will open up more broadly on Tuesday, March 28. View press release here or check out the around-town portion of the newsletter.

The construction will begin again shortly within our community. The Ypsi Road Renovation project is nearing completion or halfway complete. This year, the plan is to restore the water mains on Michigan Avenue, like last year, the repairs on Hamilton and Huron; remain patient and know that this is temporary. Stay informed of projects with the Everbridge application.

Plenty of events are happening within our community; please refer to our city calendar for updates on getting involved. If you're looking to host a free community event, the Ypsilanti Freigthouse has a community events policy to make the space available free of charge.

Washtenaw County has moved into a "low" COVID-19 community level. CDC guidance at this level doesn't include broad masking recommendations. People can wear a mask based on preference or risk at all levels. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear masks. Please continue to use available, effective strategies to prevent and reduce the spread of illness in our

community, including:

- *Get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccines - including your updated booster! (vaccinefinder.org)*
- *Seek testing if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed. Stay away from others if you are feeling ill or recently exposed, waiting for test results, or have tested positive. If you test positive, talk to your doctor right away about treatment options to prevent severe illness.*
- *Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. If you're exposed to someone with COVID, wear a mask around others, monitor symptoms, and test 5 days after exposure (washtenaw.org/covid-19whattodo).*
- *Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible.*
- *Use increased precautions if you are at higher risk of severe illness or if you live with or are frequently around someone who is high risk. Read more here.*

Staying Connected, Frances McMullan

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NICOLE BROWN

Happy March everyone!

I hope that you all are happy and healthy as we come closer to spring!

Last month, I was invited by President Biden to represent Ypsilanti in Washington, D.C. at the White House. It was an amazing opportunity to share about Ypsi, our bicentennial and upcoming celebration, as well as the important work happening within our community. During the visit we discussed violence prevention and interruption, and ended the evening with a private screening of "Till" as a reminder of how far we've come and yet how far we still have to go in terms of racial justice.

Know that Ypsilanti and our region continue to be a trendsetter and trail-blazer in the Nation. I'm so honored to represent us and our community every day.

Stay safe and be well!

In partnership,
Nicole Brown
Mayor

CITY UPDATES

BILL ANHUT MEMORIAL FIELD WINS DESIGN AWARD

City of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation's Bill Anhut Memorial Field has been selected as a 2022-2023 Park Design Award Winner by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (mParks). The award will be presented at the 2023 mParks Conference & Trade Show at the Lansing Center on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Waterworks Park, located in the City of Ypsilanti, is home to the recently restored Bill Anhut Memorial Field, serving the community through the Ypsi-Arbor American Little League (YALL). The league experienced an increase from 180 to more than 350 players and needed another field to support the expansion. The transformed diamond not only fulfilled the demand for more space but also allowed the league to offer a softball program for the first time.

Before its refurbishment, the backstop was engulfed in vines and the infield was overgrown with grass and weeds. Thanks to a generous donation from the Anhut family and efforts of Nicole Wimmert and Chip Peterson of YALL, a new vibrance has been brought back to the field. Over the course of several work days, 140 volunteers removed and installed new fencing, replaced dugout benches, resurfaced the infield, and installed bases. The Waterworks field restoration created more opportunities for organized youth sports and has brought hundreds of people back into the park.

UMS AT THE FREIGHTHOUSE

Ann Arbor, MI (February 21, 2023) — The University Musical Society (UMS) and City of Ypsilanti announce a new, two-year partnership that will result in arts programming for Ypsilanti residents, families, and schoolchildren beginning with a week-long pilot program in April 2023. Subsequent residencies will run for four weeks with expanded programming for the Ypsilanti community. A community informed programming process is the catalyst for these dynamic residencies, activating the unique and historic civic space for performances, arts learning and participation, and creative exploration. Visit the full article here.

A full schedule of the initial April residency follows; tickets and registration will be available on Tuesday, March 14th, for Ypsilanti residents and will open up more broadly on Tuesday, March 28th.

Schedule of Ypsilanti Freighthouse Activities & Ticketing Information

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Saturday, April 22nd at 7:30 pm
Come Together: An Evening of Community and Song
Participatory Public Event

The Ypsilanti Freighthouse residency begins with an invitation to community members to share their voices through a Community Sing, led by Detroit native Dr. Brandon Waddles, a transcriber of Black gospel music whose choral compositions and arrangements have been performed around the world. Led by Dr. Waddles, and featuring four solo singers and piano, keyboard and electric bass, this event brings the community together to sing both familiar and new songs. The house will open at 6:30 for participants to enjoy food and social interaction before the Community Sing. **Free ticketed event**

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Sunday, April 23rd at 11 am
Power Moves: Breakdancing & Graffiti Art with Maurice Archer
Family Workshop

Local movement artist Maurice Archer performs a breakdancing demonstration and then leads families in an interactive workshop. Immediately after, families participate in an art-making activity with a graffiti artist who will guide them through developing their breakdancing names and create their own unique signature (or tag). **Free event (advanced registration required).** *Recommended for ages 9-13 and their parents or guardians.*

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Tuesday, April 25th, Morning
Breakdancing Workshops for K-12 Schools

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools.

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Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 pm
Kaleigh Wilder Trio: The Story Cuts Across What the Map Cuts Up
Public Jazz Concert

Kaleigh Wilder was born to a musical family, but she was the only one to pursue music professionally. She primarily studied classical saxophone — playing jazz and improvising on the side — but, at the crossroads between her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she changed her trajectory to improvisation. Improvisation allowed Wilder to access her true creative voice and empowered her to take creative risks she never would have imagined. Wilder has performed around the world, led her first album release, and now has plans to release two more albums as a bandleader with a New York-based record label — among several other ongoing projects. Her artistry continues to unfold. She'll perform with Jaribu Shahid on bass, drummer Ben Hall, and dancer Alexandria Davis. **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**

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Wednesday, April 26th, Morning
Breakdancing Workshops for K-12 Schools

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools.

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Wednesday, April at 26th at 7:30 pm
The Regenerate! Orchestra
Participatory Public Event

The Regenerate! Orchestra is made up of community members of every stripe, coming together to bring Ypsilanti a one-of-a-kind musical experience. Participants will meet twice to engage in sonic meditations, conversations about listening, and structured improvisations. Featured music may include classical, ambient, folk, and noise music, all orchestrated for each unique event based on the instrumentation of those who sign up. Register to perform with the group (all skill levels are welcome, with one rehearsal before the event, plus a second on the evening of April 26 before the performance), or join in as an audience member for the free, ticketed performance. **Register to join the orchestra at ums.org/YpsiFreighthouse** *(registration deadline of March 10); no prior musical experience or training required.* **Free ticketed event**

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Thursday, April 27th Morning
Puppetry Workshops for K-12 Schools

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools

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Thursday, April 27th at 6 pm
Reconnecting Currents (Huron) with Marsae Lynette
Participatory Public Event

In this participatory public event, Marsae Lynette presents *Reconnecting Currents(Huron)*, an evening of film, performance, and community. This interactive event invites the local community to reconnect with freshwater sources such as the Huron River, as well as with one another through reflection, restoration, and jubilation. Audience members are invited to both witness and engage in rituals of reconnection. **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**

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Friday, April 28th -Morning
Puppetry Workshops for K-12 Schools

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Friday, April 28th at 7:30 pm
Open Mic at the Freighthouse

This local artist showcase and open mic will be hosted by Ypsilanti resident and singer/songwriter Rochelle Clark. Those who wish to perform — music, dance, comedy, poetry, juggling, or whatever unique creative contribution you can offer — will sign up for a ten-minute slot upon arrival; names will be randomly selected for a

CONT. UMS AT THE FREIGHTHOUSE

starring moment on the stage of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. **Free event, no tickets or advanced registration required**

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Friday, April 28th at 10 pm
Late Night DJ Set with Todd Osborn
Public Concert

Ghostly International artist Todd Osborn has been championed by everyone from Gilles Peterson to Aphex Twin…but he really just wants to have a little fun and get in some time on the dance floor. Break out a few moves in this late night DJ set. **Free event, no tickets or registration required.**

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Saturday, April 29th at 11 am
Puppetry Workshop: The Power of Light & Shadow with Detroit Puppet Company
Family Workshop

This workshop for families begins with the Detroit Puppet Company's presentation of The Carnival of the Animals, a series of shadow puppet scenes depicting different members of the animal kingdom, from the majestic lion to the venerable tortoise, all set to music by classical composer Camille Saint-Saëns. The performance tells stories of love, hope, fear, and joy, all through the power of light, shadow, and your imagination. Immediately following the performance, participants can learn more about puppetry by using the DPC's shadow puppets and then getting instruction on how to make their own. **Free event (advanced registration required).**

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Saturday, April 29th at 7:30 pm
Closing Performance: John E. Lawrence & The Power Band
Public Concert

A lifelong resident of Ypsilanti and one of Michigan's most talented and respected guitarists, John E. Lawrence and The Power Band take the stage for a sophisticated evening of jazz in the closing performance of the April Ypsilanti Freighthouse residency. Featuring John E. Lawrence (guitar), Rayse Biggs and Eddie Taylor (trumpet), Don Whyte (saxophone), Ted Brannon (bass guitar), Ike Pippen and Ernest Tolbert (keyboards), Jeff Canady (drums), and Jill Hamilton and Kimberly Wright (vocals). **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**

2023 YPSILANTI BICENTENNIAL WALKING EVENTS

The following tours will be led by a Ypsilanti native and resident of one of Ypsi's oldest houses, Stefan Szumko, also known as SlugWhisperer.

All walking tours will happen rain or shine *(unless SlugWhisperer's basement floods or there is a significant chance of lightning).*

Monthly Riverside Rambles
January-December, Second Sunday of Each Month - 10am
We will explore the natural world along the Huron River for nature nerds of all ages. (2 hours - approximately 1 mile round trip).

- *January through March*
  Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl).
- *April through December*
  Meet at the pavilion at Waterworks Park (40 Catherine Street)

Historic Walking Tours: Downtown
March 26, Sunday - 10am
Marvel at the buildings in the historic downtown business district, then head down to the river to visit Independence Island. (2 hours). Meet at the Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave)

Historic Walking Tours: Normal Park
April 23, Sunday - 10am
A nice, flat route through a century-old neighborhood. (2 hours). Meet at the Ypsilanti Senior Center (1015 Congress St).

Ypsilanti Bicentennial 5K/10K Volksmarch
May 6, Saturday - 10am
Created especially to highlight Ypsilanti's history - from Depot Town to Woodruff's Grove, Independence Island to the Water Tower, walkers can purchase a map or walk with a guided group. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl)

Historic Walking Tours: Depot Town and the Historic East Side
June 25, Sunday - 10am
After the history walk through Depot Town, we'll walk up and down a steep hill through the east side neighborhoods (2 hours). Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl).

Historic Walking Tours: Cross St/ EMU
July 23, Sunday - 10am
Walk from one of the lowest points in the city (Frog Island) to the highest elevation (the water tower) with a quick stroll through the original State Normal College (now EMU). (2 hours). Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl).

CONT. WALKING TOURS

YHF Historic Home Tour
August 19 (likely),Saturday-TimeTBA
This event will retrace the route of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's first Historic Home Tour in 1978 along N. Huron from Michigan Ave. to Cross St. Participants can walk with a guided group or independently using the annotated map. (1-2 hours). (Start point and date TBD)

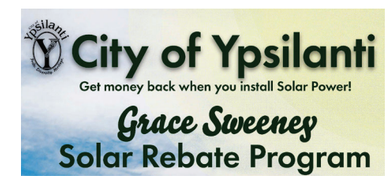
Bridges of Ypsilanti Walk
September 4, Monday - 10am
If you count the Tridge as 3, there are 14 bridges within roughly a mile from downtown Ypsi (not including the freeway overpasses). The walking route is just a bit over 10K. The 5K route has 10 bridges. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl).

Ypsilanti Bicentennial 5K/10K Volksmarch
Fall 2023 - Date TBA
Created especially to highlight Ypsilanti's history - from Depot Town to Woodruff's Grove, Independence Island to the Water Tower, walkers can purchase a map or walk with a guided group. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl)

Historic District Perimeter
November 26, Sunday - 10am
Walk the perimeter of the Ypsilanti Historic District, the 3rd largest in Michigan. Distance is approximately 6K (3 miles). Meet at the Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave).

SPONSOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM



Residents can get at least a $2,000 rebate for installing solar panels on their homes or business. There is $80,000 available for rebates for anyone interested, that's enough to accommodate 40 different homes. The project has been named the Grace Sweeny Solar Rebate program and is named for the late Ypsilanti resident and wife of longtime city leader Pete Murdock.

To the businesses in Downtown and West Cross Street, the DDA has made available $150,000 in solar rebates. Visit ypsilantidda.com/solar for more details.

GET TAX CREDITS FOR WORK ON HOMEOWNER-OCCUPIED HISTORIC PROPERTIES

If you are the owner and occupant of a house that contributes to the local historic district or to the National Register district and you are doing work on the house, you may be eligible to receive up to 25% of your rehabilitation costs as a state income tax credit. Please visit this website for more information, and preservation planner Ellen Thackery is always happy to answer any questions or help homeowners with their projects and applications. She can be reached at ethackery@cityofypsilanti.com and 734.482.9709. Homeowners can apply for this program until all of 2023's tax credits have been reserved.

POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Ypsilanti Police Advisory commission still has open positions, For those who are interested, they meet on the fourth Thursday of every month.

- Monthly presentation from YPD with an overview of stats, department staffing and activities, use of force incidents, and citizencomplaints if any.
- Presentation and discussion of the use of body cameras. You can find YPD policies and procedures involving body cameras here.
- YPAC chair submitted the first annual report to the city council

ARTS COMMISSION

The City of Ypsilanti is seeking individuals passionate about the arts in Ypsilanti to join the Arts Commission.

The Arts Commission meets once a month to promote art in the City of Ypsilanti, educate the public why the arts, culture and creative industries are important to the City of Ypsilanti, to cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets, and to promote and further diversity, equity and inclusion of all of Ypsilanti in the arts.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Ypsilanti Historic District Commission has two vacancies Please apply if you are interested in local historic preservation and would like to serve! Applicants must be city residents. You can learn more about being on a commission here.
Apply here

NON-MOTORIZED COMMITTEE

Join us for the monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W Michigan Ave. The City Non-Motorized Advisory Committee needs Committee members and a youth member. If you have any interest or ideas, contact Bob Krzewinski via email at wolverbob@gmail.com

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Commission
Five Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Dangerous Bldgs
Dangerous Buildings Officer

Ethics Board
Two Board Members

Historic District Commission
Two Commissioners

Human Relations Commission
Five Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Parks & Recreation Commission
Four Commissioners
One Youth Member

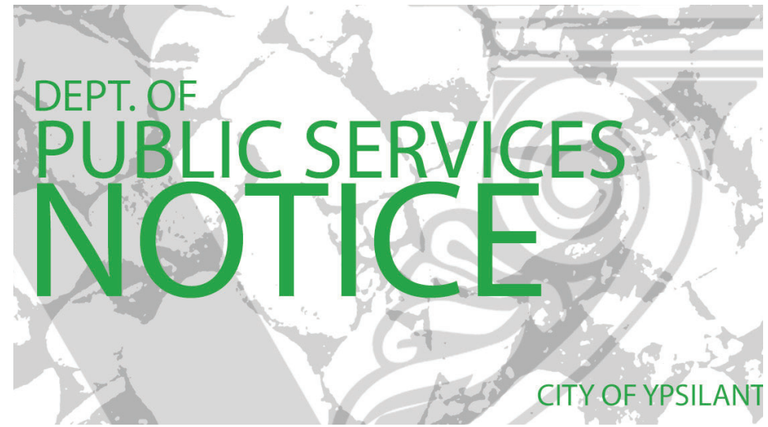
Police Advisory Commission
Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Sustainability Commission
Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Fill out this online form if you are interested in the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

BRUSH AND BRANCE PICKUP



The City of Ypsilanti will be doing a special curbside brush and branch pickup the week of March 6th, 2023, due to the 2/22 ice storms.

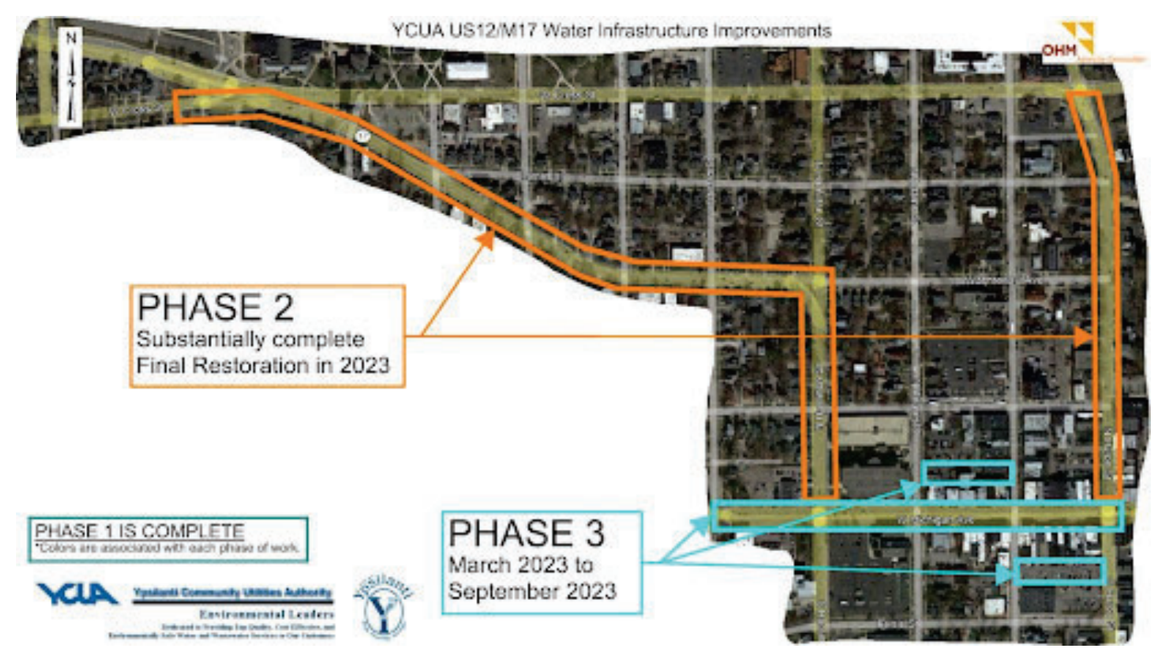
Branches must be at most 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet long. For branches and logs more than 4 inches in diameter, please cut into segments weighing at most 50 pounds.

Please place it along the curb or with the cut side facing the curb. For brush, please use natural-fiber rope or twine (no plastic or wire) to tie into bundles no more than 4 feet long and 50 pounds.

If your regular trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, please have your brush curbside by 6am on Tuesday, March 7th.

If your regular trash pickup is Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, please have your brush curbside by 6am Friday, March 10th.
We thank you for your patience as our crews continue to work to clear debris from the roads, sidewalks, parks, and other public rights of way throughout the City. Please continue to report any downed lines to DTE at 1-800-477-4747 and stay at least 25 feet away from any downed power lines.

2023 CONSTRUCTION MAP



NEWS FROM THE DDA

DDA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

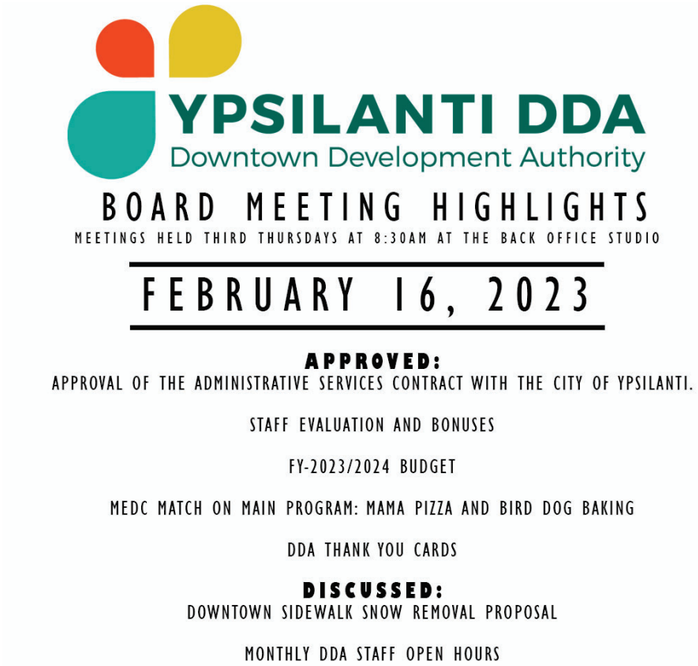
The DDA Staff and Board meet monthly to discuss various things that make Ypsilanti uniquely Ypsilanti. You can attend meetings every third Thursday at 8:30am (Back Office Studio - 13 N. Washington) or you can catch the minutes and packets online HERE.

Approved:

- Administrative Services Contract with the City of Ypsilanti.
- Staff Evaluation and Bonuses
- FY-2023/2024 Budget
- MEDC Match on Main Program: Mama Pizza and Bird Dog Baking
- DDA Thank You Cards

Discussed:

- Downtown Sidewalk Snow Removal Proposal
- Monthly DDA staff open hours



DDA EQUITY SURVEY

Whether you are a business owner, employee or resident, the Ypsilanti DDA impacts the way that you experience Downtown, Depot Town and West Cross Ypsilanti.

We want to increase our accessibility, support, and outreach to members of our community! That's why we are asking you participate in a short survey that will help us gain better insight into your experience with our work. Your opinion can help us create equitable practices that will fuel Ypsilanti's vibrant community.

We hope to hear from you!

Find the survey here.

SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP NOTIFICATION FROM THE DDA

PLEASE READ ABOUT CHANGES TO THE EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROCESS-

We are excited about the upcoming event season in 2023 and wish to streamline the process for issuing special event sponsorships again this year. Some of you have already submitted applications which we really appreciate because there is a limited window of time that we will be accepting applications and this process will be very different from prior years when we reviewed applications on a rolling basis.

This year, the DDA will open applications on February 1, 2023 and close applications on March 31, 2023 with final funding decisions at our meeting on April 20, 2023 at 8:30am.

Applications are due no later than March 31, 2023 to be considered for special event sponsorship funding in 2023/2024.

Applications received after March 31, 2023 will only be considered in districts where funding remains available.

Please remember that the DDA can only sponser events held within the DDA Districts.

You can find the Event Sponsorship Application linked here.

AROUND TOWN

NEW DETROIT-CHICAGO DAILY SERVICE

Indian Trails Launches New National Bus-Ticketing System, Announces New Detroit-Chicago Daily Service

Indian Trails, Inc.—one of the largest fleets of deluxe motorcoaches in Michigan—launched the new national bus-ticketing system developed by Transcor Data Services (TDS).

Indian Trails will expand its daily routes to include a new service between Detroit and Chicago with three roundtrips per day. The service will connect with all its daily schedules north of I-94, including stops in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti near our bus terminals. Click here for more details.

Thanks to the greater flexibility of the new MMC interline ticketing system—which supports interline ticketing with all carriers, online booking, point

of sale transactions, schedule and fare management, and more—the U.S. intercity bus network is expected to expand by 15-20 carriers.

Indian Trails will continue to provide numerous outlets for purchasing tickets, including its webstore, as well as ticket agencies statewide and beyond. Anyone who experiences difficulties in purchasing a ticket should call Indian Trails' customer service toll-free at 800-292-3831, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

SOS DIAPER DRIVE

SOS Community Services is looking for partners to host diaper drives to stock the diaper pantry. If you can help organize a diaper drive, please contact: Development Interns Grace and Kaitlynn at devitern@soscs.org to learn more about how to get started.

More information here.

OCED WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Assistance program provides free weatherization services to qualified Washtenaw County residents. The program is implemented through Washtenaw County in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is designed to help residents lower their utility bills. We perform a free energy audit, and based on the results of that audit, we provide eligible repairs on the home for free. Homeowners and renters that meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to apply.

Free home improvements could include:

- Insulation in the attic, walls, and crawl-spaces
- Furnace and water heater inspections and repairs
- Caulking around drafty windows and doors
- Inspections and replacements for inefficient refrigerators
- Weather-stripping around doors and attic accesses

Here are the current income guidelines for the program:

- Your household must be at or below 80% AMI of the federal poverty level to qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Income eligibility is based on the household's previous three months' income.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, review our Weatherization FAQs. **If you have any questions, call 734-544-3008.** To have a staff member contact you about the program, please complete the Home Improvement Programs Information Request form.

To apply for weatherization assistance, print and complete the Weatherization Application (PDF) and return it to the OCED office. **To have an application mailed to you, call 734-544-3008.**

NOTE: A completed Landlord Agreement (PDF) and Tenant Form (PDF) are required (for rental properties only) for the program.

NEW TEXT MY BUS FEATURE

TheRide has begun rolling out new signs at bus stops to help riders get real-time information on their buses.

The new signs have started to be installed at bus stops and include the bus stop number and details on how to use the "Text My Bus" feature to find out when buses will arrive at your stop. The new signs at each bus stop will have the route numbers that

serve the stop, the specific bus stop number that can be used to receive arrival information by text, and QR codes that riders can scan to look up bus stop information. Learn more.

The latest information on TheRide's routes, schedules, and detours is available at 734-996-0400 and on TheRide.org.

SUMMERWORKS - APPLY FOR A 10-WEEK PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP

SummerWorks seeks to pair more than 100 of Washtenaw County's motivated young people, aged 16-24, with Washtenaw County employers and the University of Michigan departments. Youth living or attending school in Washtenaw County can apply for a quality, 10-week paid summer internship in a variety of fields. During the program, SummerWorks also provides structured professional development as well as mentorship and leadership opportunities.

"SummerWorks is a great opportunity for employers and young adults to connect in ways that they may not have otherwise. The young adults are talented and eager to learn and the employers understand that to stay competitive they need to utilize innovative strategies and help. The program allows both parties to help each other reach their goals by joining the best and brightest young adults and employers to make magic happen over 10 weeks." *Cheranissa Roach, Economic Opportunity Manager, Washtenaw County of Economic and Community Development*

SummerWorks' mentorship program receives applications from retired and professional adults worldwide. Those interested commit as little as 1 hour per week and receive ongoing mentorship guidance and support from SummerWorks staff.

SummerWorks' employer participants provide a minimum of 20 hours of internship work per week at a rate of $15/hour or $17/hour, based on youth participants' completion of a high school degree or equivalent Intern wage support is available for employers who qualify.

Applications for employers and mentors are open now at SummerWorks.info

If you are interested in learning more, please RSVP to attend an employer and mentor info session. Virtual and in-person info sessions run February 10 through March 15 and are held at MichiganWorks! Southeast in Ypsilanti or on the University of Michigan campus.

Info sessions offer a chance to meet SummerWorks staff, get an overview of the program, and learn about the benefits of providing internships for young adults through the SummerWorks program.

For more information, Washtenaw County businesses and organizations can contact Kathleen Clancey at mail@summerworks.info or 734-219-5141, and U-M departments can contact Armeka Richey at armeka@umich.edu or 734-355-4597.

If you know someone aged 16-24 residing or attending school in Washtenaw County who would like to participate in SummerWorks 2023, youth application and program information can be found at summerworks.info.

Applications for youth are open now at SummerWorks.info and are due by March 12.

2·1·1 Michigan

VITA appointments for the 2023 season are open, call 2-1-1 to set up your appointment. Free in-person service for the 2022-2023 tax season to
people living in Washtenaw County who earned less than $60,000 in 2022. Services are by appointment only and available the following days. Plan to 60-90 minutes for your meeting.

You can also file at home at no cost with MyFreeTaxes.com. This 100% free self-filing tool is thanks to a United Way and IRS partnership. MyFreeTaxes.com screens for eligible credits and deductions through TaxSlayer software. Any issues? Reach the 2-1-1 staffed helpline at 866-698-9435.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a national IRS-sponsored program that pairs certified volunteers with taxpayers like you to file accurate tax returns for free. United Way of Washtenaw County is proud to be an official VITA Site and assist County residents with tax-related needs.

Get Help: 2-1-1 | United Way of Washtenaw County

The 2-1-1 helpline provides referrals to programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, utility assistance and more. Help is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from anywhere in the state of Michigan. If you need help finding resources in your area, dial 2-1-1, email us, or speak to a representative via live chat now.Want to browse resources on your own? Search our online database to access more than 27,000 different statewide programs and services. If you experience problems dialing 2-1-1, dial 1-800-552-1183. Dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls.

Call 2-1-1 from any phone or visit 2-1-1 online to live chat, email, or search the database.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE - FUTURE OF WASHTENAW AVE

MONTHLY PASTORS LUNCH

Hope Clinic hosts a monthly free lunch-and-learn for pastors and others involved in leading Christian ministry. These are on the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates and topics include:

March 2, Hope Clinic CEO Doug Campbell, "Uniting your Team through Shared Vision."

April 6, Dr. Tom Bishop, PhD, Michigan Medicine Psychologist and Pastor. "Mental Health First Aid, and Connecting People to the Help they Need."

Lunches are held at Noon at Hope Clinic (518 Harriet St. Ypsilanti 48197). Registration is requested.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATER GROUP

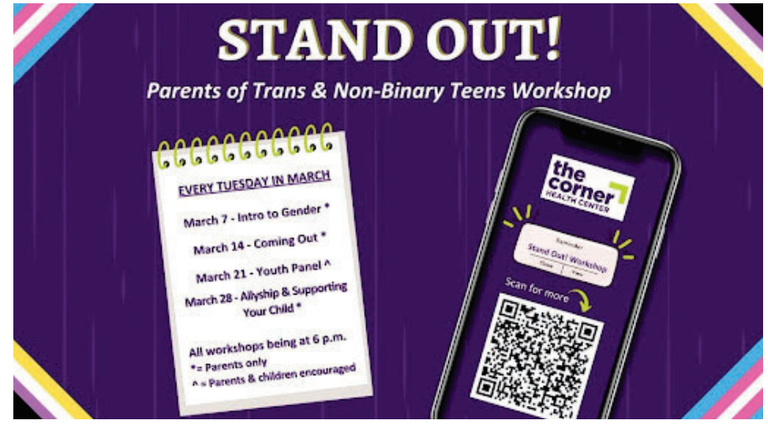
Staged Reading of Lee's Grand Tiki At The Back Office Studio (13 N Washington St.)

Friday, March 03, 2023, 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 04, 2023, 7:30 pm &
Sunday, March 05, 2023, 2:00 pm
Suggested Donation of $5

When Leo needs twenty grand to save the family business, he does the only thing he can, turn to his former criminal associate Eddie "The Fish" Cohen. But Eddie has his own plans for the Grand Tiki, and if Leo, his sister Pheenie, and bartender and aspiring luchador Manny "El Chupa-cobra" Santini can't get the money back, all while dodging Leo's P.O., it's all going to go up in smoke.

Starring: Larry "Santi" Barker, A.M. Dean, Mo Hoeffel, Sasha Masters Jones, Malaya Rood, Eric Thornburgh, James Wohlfert

PARENTS OF TRANS & NON-BINARY TEENS WORKSHOP



Corner Health Center to Host "Stand Out!" Workshop for Parents of Trans and Non-Binary Young Adults

*The four-part workshop will begin Tuesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. via Zoom and will re-occur each Tuesday in March.*The Corner Health Center will be offering a four-part workshop series "Stand Out!", occurring every Tuesday evening in March via Zoom. The workshop will provide support and resources for parents of trans and non-binary teens/young adults.

Of the four sessions, three will be intended for parents only while a single session will encourage both parents and their children to attend.

An itinerary of the four-part workshop can be seen below:

- March 7 – Introduction to Gender (parents only)
- March 14 – Coming Out (parents only)
- March 21 – Youth Panel (parents and children encouraged)
- March 28 – Allyship and Supporting Your Child (parents only)

*All workshops span from 6-7:30 p.m.

To stay up to date on all things related to the Corner Health Center, visit www.cornerhealth.org, and follow us on Twitter (@TheCornerHealth), Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok (@ CornerHealthCenter).

YDL EVENTS IN MARCH

Meet with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday at 6 PM. Open to all, any handcraft welcome!

On March 8th at 6:30 PM, Join us for a collage experience. We'll have old library books, maps, calendars, papers, and random things to Mod-Podge onto paper. Feel free to BYO photos or images to work with too.

Learn more about our community garden, our goals for the space, and what kind of help we need from you. People who sign up to become gardeners or garden ambassadors will help Library Gardener Stephanie this summer and fall in the community garden with a variety of tasks. Our gardeners will get more experience with growing plants and connect with others in the community who want to work on their green thumbs. No experience is needed; just a passion to learn more and get involved!

Interested patrons only need to attend one of the 30 minute interest meetings:

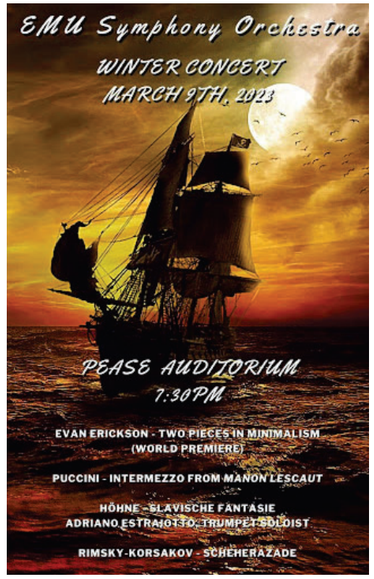
- March 14th: 5:30pm, Upstairs Adult Area
- March 15th: 7:30pm, Downstairs Youth Area
- March 16th: 5:30pm, Downstairs Youth Area
- March 17th: 4:00pm, Downstairs Youth Area

On March 11th at 11 am: Learn about the library's two solar installations and view time-lapse and aerial videos of solar installations throughout Ypsilanti. Dave will also explain how solar installations are attached to your home, the economics of solar power, and the multiple solar rebate programs for residents in the City of Ypsilanti. Coffee and donuts will be served.The workshop will also be live-streamed via Zoom Webinar. Join here.

On March 21st, at 7 PM, the Paranormal Club will host a presentation and discussion with Michigan-based author and Paranormal researcher Shetan Noir! Please join us for an unforgettable evening with a true expert who's well-versed in Cryptozoology and Pagan fields. Learn more about Shetan Noir.

(YDL Superior) On March 28th, at 3 PM Meet different live animals such as bats, owls and arachnids to learn why they choose to work in the dark and how they are adapted for life at night. Find out what happens after the sun goes down in this exciting exploration into the world of nocturnal animals. Meet different live animals such as bats, owls and arachnids to learn why they choose to work in the dark and how they are adapted for life at night. *No registration is required, but space is limited.*

EMU SYMPHONY



March 9th
Pease Auditorium
1:30pm

FREE WORKSHOP

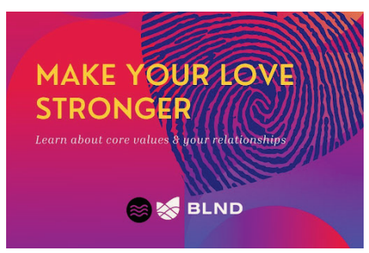
Join BLND Health at Zion Well on March 11 for a FREE workshop on core values and relationships!

Together, we'll:

- Learn what values are (and what they aren't)
- Identify your core values
- Define what your values look like in real life and real relationships

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Registration is free, but we are collecting donations for Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence



SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

March 15, 2023 - 10am-2pm
Learning Resource Center on Washtenaw Ave.

REGISTER HERE or scan the QR Code above.

Join the Office of Community and Economic Development for the 2023 Small Business Fair to encourage, support, and promote small businesses and microenterprises.

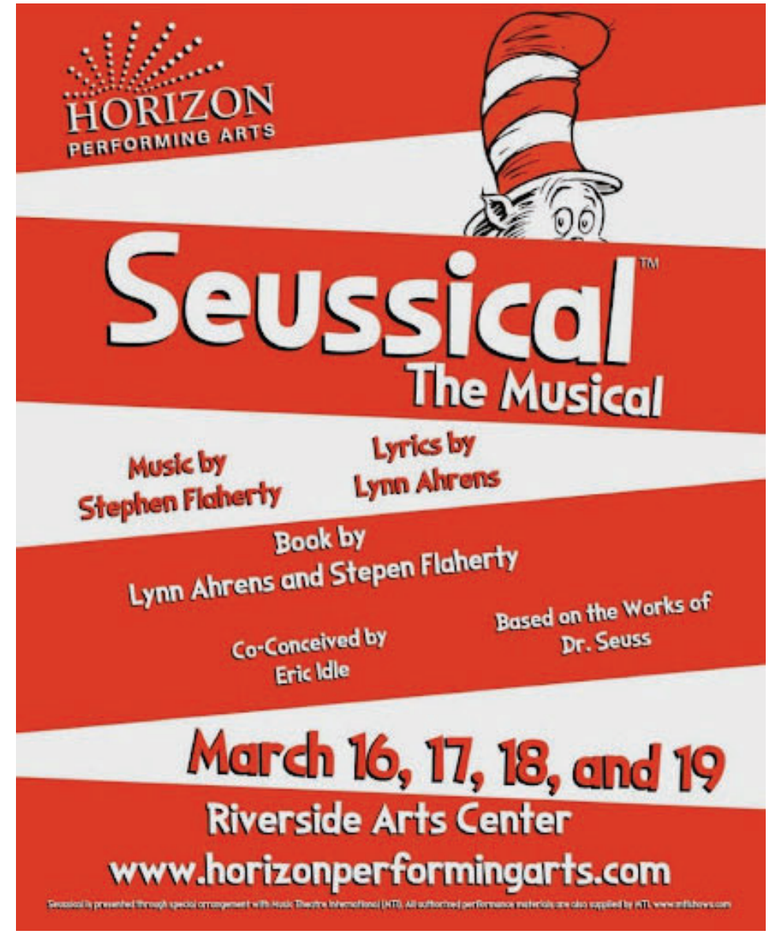
Opportunities include:

- Networking
- Connection to business support services
- Marketing strategies education
- Resource sharing
- A panel discussion

This is a free event, and open to everyone.

Questions? Contact Cheranissa Williams.

HORIZON PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS:



Now one of the most performed shows in America, Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza.

Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

Seussical is fun for the whole family and rated G. Please visit the website for more information and to purchase tickets.

- Presented By: Horizon Performing Arts
- Dates: March 16, 2023 - March 19, 2023
- Location: Riverside Arts Center
- Price: $16-$18

YPSI 9TH HOUR

Join us for Ypsi 9th Hour, an after-work social scene of networking and camaraderie!

Sponsored and co-created by Back Office Studio and Ann Arbor SPARK East Innovation Center, this after-work networking scene is for anyone looking to socialize with like-minded entrepreneurs, business professionals, and independent contractors in a casual, relaxed atmosphere with complimentary refreshments.

Thursday, March 16th, 5-6:30 pm at The Back Office Studio (13 N Washington St)

Register Here

FREE MONTHLY BRUNCH!

Building community through food with Peace House Ypsi! At 16 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti, on Sunday, March 19th, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Please join us for this free brunch that includes something for everyone - including vegan and gluten-free when available. Please help us build relationships and traditions around the kitchen table! Huge thank you to Growing Hope for this community space and support.

LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

Ypsi-Arbor American Little League (YALL) has been fostering the growth of youth baseball since 1953 in the Ypsilanti community. In 2022, the league restored Waterworks Park in honor of William "Bill" Anhut, which allowed the league begins offering softball in the Fall of 2022.

YALL is a not-for-profit Little League charter and proudly serves community members of the city of Ypsilanti as well as Ypsilanti township and portions of Pittsfield township.YALL believes every child deserves the opportunity to participate in youth sports and for that reason will never turn a player away due to financial constraints. Local scholarships are available for those in need.

Registration is open until player evaluations on March 18th. Space is limited as the league has been on a waitlist the last two seasons. Don't delay! Register today on the league website: www.YpsiarborLL.org. For more information, email: ContactUs@ypsiarborLL.org

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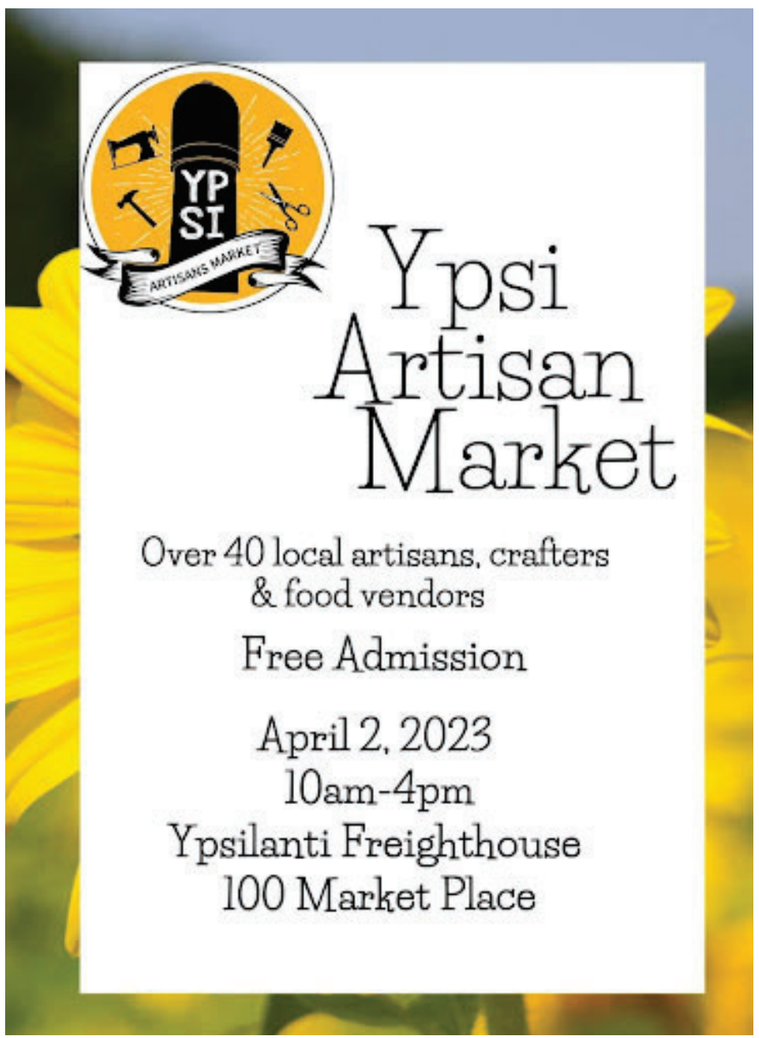


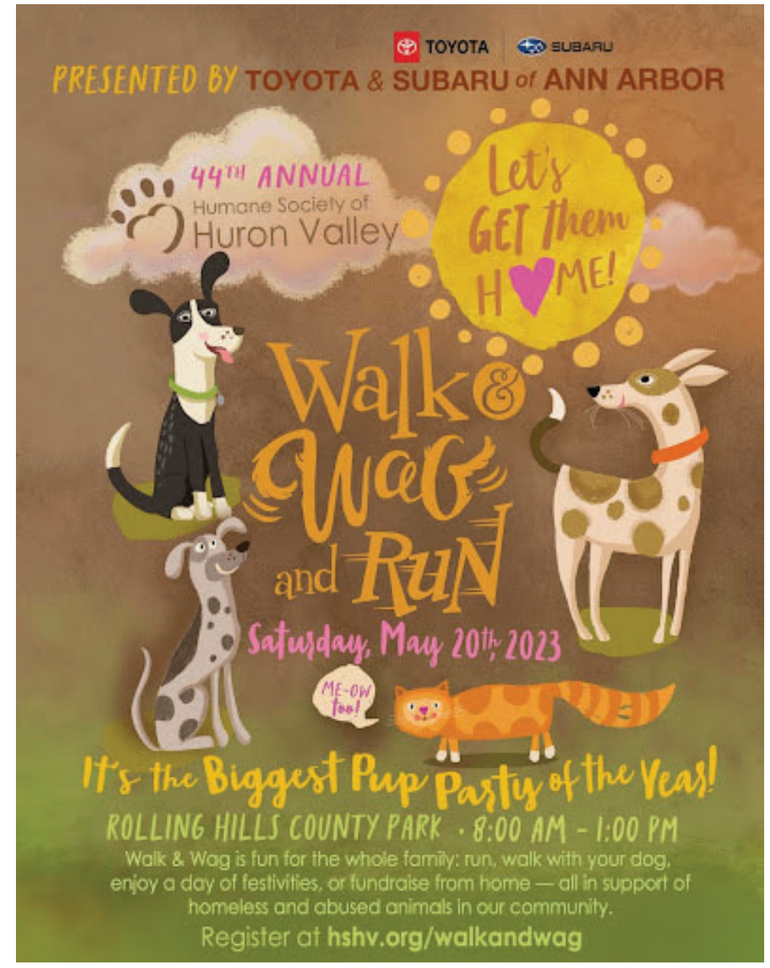
RIVERSIDE SWINGS!

Learn how to swing dance!
Where: 2nd-floor dance studio, Riverside Arts Center 76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti
All ages and experience levels welcome!
Facebook Page

JOIN YPSI IMPROV

What: In person improv sessions where improv games will be played and laughs will be shared.
Who: Anyone who would like to participate in or learn more about improv and the daily confidence it can help build. No experience necessary. We explain all the games we play and love answering questions.
When: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month. Sessions start at 2 pm, and last for 2 hours.
Where: Riverside Arts Center 76 N. Huron St, Ypsilanti Studio #1
Cost: $5 to participate, free to watch.
meetup.com/ypsi-improv/
Ypsiimprovgames@gmail.com

WALK & WAG AND RUN



Saturday, May 20th, from 8 am-1 pm at Rolling Hills County Park, Ypsilanti
Voted "Best Outdoor Event" in Best of Washtenaw

Walk, wag, and run to save animals! Together we can get them all into homes! Every dollar you raise for Walk & Wag assists in the rescue, care and new beginning for the most vulnerable animals right here in our community.

Plus, Walk & Wag is the best pup party of the year! Join us May 20th to celebrate your fundraising success with a 5k run, mile walk, Kids' Dash, dog diving, yummy food trucks, and tons of dog-and-kid-friendly activities. You won't want to miss it!

Walk & Wag is presented by Toyota and Subaru of Ann Arbor.

CITY CALENDAR - MARCH 2023

FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFO CLICK HERE

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

ALL HELD AT CITY HALL - 1 S. HURON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

City Council Meeting
March 7, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Arts Commission Meeting ***CANCELLED***
March 9, 2023, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Sustainability Commission Meeting
March 13, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Historic District Commission
March 14, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
March 15, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 20, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

City Council Meeting
March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Police Advisory Commission
March 23, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

Senior Center

1015 N. Congress

RECURRING EVENTS

Art
12:30-2PM
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Bingo
12:30-2PM
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Euchre
12:30-2PM
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Gentle Fitness
10:30-11:30AM
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Gentle Fitness
10:45-11:45AM
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Knitting/Crochet
12:30-2PM
March 7, 14, 21, 28

Line Dancing
10:30-11:30AM
March 1, 8, 15, 22

Norwegian Theraputic Massage
12-1PM
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Tai Chi Class
2:30-3:30PM
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Tech Help
10AM-12PM
March 7, 14, 21, 28

Yoga
10-11:30AM
March 2, 9, 16

Parkridge Community Center

591 Armstrong Dr.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

After-School Programming
4-7PM
Monday - Thursday through June 8th
More info here.

Do you have something happening in the city you'd like to share in the monthly newsletter? MUST BE IN OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI.
Email your article to
tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com

Submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

Freighthouse

100 Market Pl.

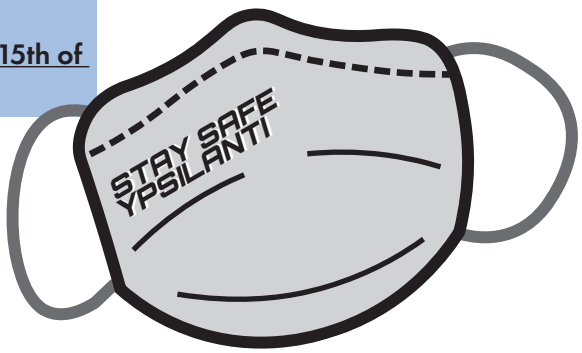
PUBLIC EVENTS

Ypsi Flea & Swap
March 12: 10-3PM

Really Really Free Market
(+cozy tea house open mic)
March 30: 6-10PM

RECURRING PUBLIC EVENTS

Indoor Disc Golf Putting League
7:30-9PM
March 2, 9, 16



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